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SUBJECT: SUGAR -- U.N. SUGAR CONFERENCE CONSULTATIONS

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1. REPRODUCED BELOW IS A LETTER FROM U.N. SUGAR CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN JONES-PARRY DATED JUNE 15, 1977 REQUESTING TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON HOLDING SUGAR STOCKS. THE LETTER IS A CIRCULAR PRESUMABLY SENT TO LONDON REPS OF COUNTRIES INVITED TO THE JULY CONSULTATION (INFO POSTS). WHILE THE QUESTIONS RELATE MORE TO EXPORTING THAN IMPORTING COUNTRIES, JONES-PARRY BELIEVES IMPORTING COUNTRIES MAY ALSO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE RELEVANT INFORMATION. WE ARE ASKED TO PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION BY JULY 11.

2. "BEFORE IT ADJOURNED ON 27 MAY 1977 THE UNITED NATIONS SUGAR CONFERENCE REQUESTED THE CHAIRMAN TO CONSULT WITH GOVERNMENTS AND IN THE LIGHT OF THOSE CONSULTATIONS TO DECIDE WHETHER TO REQUEST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO RECONVENE THE CONFERENCE LATER IN THE YEAR.
I BELIEVE IT IS MY DUTY, IN CARRYING OUT THESE CONSULTATIONS, TO TRY TO HELP THE GOVERNMENTS RESOLVE SOME OF THE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS WHICH STILL STAND IN THE WAY OF A FINAL SETTLEMENT. ONE OF THESE IS STOCK-HOLDING AND THE RELATED QUESTION OF FINANCE.
BEFORE A SCHEME FOR STOCK-HOLDING CAN BE WORKED OUT
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GOVERNMENTS WILL WISH TO HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT STORAGE AND ITS COST. SOME OF THIS, ALTHOUGH SOMEWHAT OUT OF DATE, IS AVAILABLE TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR ORGANIZATION. IN THE COURSE OF A DISCUSSION HELD IN THE I.S.O. IN 1975 (SEE ITS REPORT CON.C./7) ONE EXPERT ADVISED THAT IN HIS COUNTRY THE REPLACEMENT COST OF A BULK RAW SUGAR TERMINAL, WITH A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 525,000 TONNES HAD BEEN ESTIMATED IN 1974 TO BE US\$ 31 MILLION. ANOTHER INDICATED THAT THE COST IN HIS COUNTRY FOR A BULK RAW SUGAR TERMINAL OF 200,000 TONNES STORAGE CAPACITY HAD BEEN US\$ 16 MILLION THREE YEARS AGO. THOSE COSTS WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY HIGHER TODAY. AND AS FOR THE COSTS OF OPERATING THOSE BULK SUGAR TERMINALS, THESE RANGED FROM US\$ 3.71 IN ONE COUNTRY TO US\$ 4.71 PER TONNE PER ANNUM IN ANOTHER; HERE AGAIN INFLATION MEANS THAT BY

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TODAY OPERATING COSTS WOULD HAVE GONE UP BY AT LEAST 30

OR 40 PER CENT. THOSE FIGURES DID NOT INCLUDE THE COSTS
OF PURCHASE OR FINANCING OF THE SUGAR.
IN ORDER TO SUPPLEMENT THESE BROAD AND SOMEWHAT OUT-DATED
ESTIMATES, IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF COUNTRIES WOULD BE
GOOD ENOUGH TO REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:
(A) WHAT IS YOUR PRESENT CAPACITY FOR HOLDING STOCKS OF
SUGAR;
(B) IS THE SUGAR STORED IN BAGS OR IN BULK;
(C) WHAT PROPORTION OF THE STORES IS AT A PORT OR DOCK-
SIDE;
(D) HOW MUCH OF THE PRESENT STORAGE CAPACITY IS USED
DURING THE PERIOD OF THE HARVEST;
(E) ARE THE STOCKS HELD AS RAW OR AS WHITE SUGAR;
(F) WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED COST OF CONSTRUCTING A NEW
STORE (INDICATING WHETHER FOR SUGAR IN BULK OR BAGS
RAW OR WHITE);
(G) WHETHER RENTED STORAGE IS READILY AVAILABLE AND IF
SO THE COST;
(H) ESTIMATED COST OF SERVICING THE STOCKS.
THIS ENQUIRY IS NOT ADDRESSED EXCLUSIVELY TO PRODUCING
AND EXPORTING COUNTRIES: INFORMATION FROM IMPORTING
COUNTRIES MAY ALSO BE RELEVANT. IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL
IF REPLIES WERE TO REACH ME BY 11 JULY 1977 AT THE LATEST.
I SHALL BE MOST GRATEFUL FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION."

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